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19 May 1947

MEMORANDUM FOR DIRECTOR OF CENTRAL INTELLIGENCE

SUBJECT: Transfer of German Military Documents  
Section to Central Intelligence Group

References: a. Memo from DCI to Director, ID,  
WDGS, 7 Feb. 47, same subject.

b. Memo from Director, ID, WDGS,  
20 Mar 47, same subject.

1. The attached cable from the Intelligence Division, WDGS, to the European Theater, informing the documents collecting agencies of the transfer of custody of captured German documents from the Intelligence Division to The Adjutant General is of interest for the following reasons:

- (a) No mention is made of the assumption by Central Intelligence Group of the intelligence functions of the German Military Documents Section.
- (b) A different channel is established for forwarding of "documents of unusual intelligence interest" direct to the War Department.

2. The original agreement between Central Intelligence Group and the Intelligence Division on this transfer specified (Para 2 d, (3) of reference a. above) "Documents received from the European Theater after the transfer of GMDS to The Adjutant General are accessible to Central Intelligence Group for intelligence screening." This provision was accepted, together with certain other conditions, by the Director of Intelligence, WDGS, in his memorandum of 20 March 1947 (reference b.).

3. It is recommended that the Director of Central Intelligence direct an inquiry to the Director of Intelligence, WDGS, questioning the intent of the attached cable, and whether the "individual documents of unusual intelligence interest," which are to be forwarded to the Director of Intelligence, will be made available to Central Intelligence Group without appreciable delay.

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Attached:  
War Dept. Cable  
CIG IN-14598

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Brigadier General, USA  
Assistant Director for Operations

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FROM: WAR DEPARTMENT ROUTINE  
TO: HQ EUCOM FRANKFURT GERMANY  
COMGENUSFMTO LEGHORN ITALY 6 MAY 47  
ACTION: HQ EUCOM FRANKFURT GERMANY  
COMGENUSFMTO LEGHORN ITALY IN 14598  
INFORMATION: OSO(1thru7), OPERATIONS(8), COL. SEEMAN(9).

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HQ EUCOM FRANKFURT GERMANY  
COMGENUSFMTO LEGHORN ITALY  
FROM WDGID

INTELLIGENCE DIVISION/WDGS  
INTELLIGENCE GROUP/WDGID  
EXPL/MAJ SEELEY 74708

ON 1 JUNE 1947 CUSTODY OF CAPTURED GERMAN DOCUMENTS  
CEASES TO BE PRIMARY RESPONSIBILITY OF INTELLIGENCE DIVISION,  
WDGS. CUSTODY OF PRESENTLY HELD CAPTURED DOCUMENTS PASSES TO  
THE ADJUTANT GENERAL, WAR DEPARTMENT. FUTURE SHIPMENTS OF  
CAPTURED DOCUMENTS WILL BE ADDRESSED AS FOLLOWS; THE ADJUTANT  
GENERAL, WAR DEPARTMENT, ATTN CHIEF GERMAN MILITARY DOCUMENT  
SECTION, ROOM MB-863, THE PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, DC. INDIVIDUAL  
DOCUMENTS OF UNUSUAL INTELLIGENCE INTEREST WILL BE FORWARDED  
TO DIRECTOR OF INTELLIGENCE WDGS, ATTN CHIEF READING PANEL,  
THE PENTAGON, WASHINGTON, DC, ACCOMPANIED BY BRIEF SYNOPSIS  
IN ENGLISH LANGUAGE.

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DIRECT REPLY ☐ COMMENT ☐ FILE ☐ DISPATCH ☐

REMARKS: ② It is suggested that it would be advisable to avoid making an issue of this matter unless necessary and that ICAPS talk to the Chief of the Int Gp ID about the matter and the intent of the WD. I see no reason why preliminary screening in the theatre of such "individual documents" might not be of advantage to CIG.

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